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CO OPERATION WITH CANADA IN MINING SECTOR
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for Co-operation between the India and the Canadian Government in the mining sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has held discussions with the Canadian Minister for Economic Development; and

(d) if so, the details of the issues discussed alongwith the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES(Dr. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY)

(a) and (b) The Ministry of Mines, Government of India and Department of Natural Resources, Canada (NR Can) signed a Memorandum Of Understanding (MoU) on cooperation in the field of Geosciences on 1st April, 2003. The MoU has set up a framework for co-operation in geosciences between India and Canada. The areas of co-operation identified include environmental geology and geo-hazards, economic geology, geological mapping, hydrocarbon basin analysis, marine and coastal geology, exploration geochemistry and geophysics, geo- science information systems and remote sensing and data integration, including cartography.

(c) and (d) A delegation led by Minister of Economic Development and Trade, Ontario Province, Canada held discussions on mining related issues with the Indian Minister of State for Mines on 11th January, 2008, in New Delhi. The discussions, inter alia, included issues of transfer of technology for exploration and mining, training of geologists, etc.